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Applicant(s): Yuji HARADA et al.								
Invention: SULFONATES, POLYMERS, RESIST COMPOSITIONS AND PATTERNING PROCESS								
MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.								
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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.